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From: Sean King
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 5:17 PM
To: Catella, Jim (Snowe)
Subject: RE: Somalia
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Dear Jim,

In addition to our work for Somalia, Park Strategies, LLC and I are also registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

Please accept my apologies in advance if you've already been approached on this matter, but Taiwan Senator [Caucus] Chairmen Senators Inhofe and Menendez have authored the attached letter urging President Obama to sell F-16s to Taiwan. Again, with apologies in advance if you've already been approached on it, might Senator Snowe consider adding her signature to this letter? You can contact Kiersten Powers, [Kiersten Powers@Inhofe.Senate.Gov](mailto:Kiersten.Powers@Inhofe.Senate.Gov), in Senator Inhofe's office if Senator Snowe wishes to sign it.

Please enjoy your weekend, and thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best wishes,

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From: Catella, Jim (Snowe) [<mailto:Jim.Catella@snowe.senate.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 4:06 PM
To: Sean King
Subject: RE: Somalia

Sean – Thanks for your email. Yes, I took Dylan's place about a year and a half ago and look forward to working with you. Unfortunately, as you know, the Senate schedule is very tight right now but please stay in touch with me on these issues. Thanks

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May 11, 2011

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express serious concern about the military imbalance in the Taiwan Strait. To maintain peace and stability in the Strait, it is critical that your administration move quickly to notify Congress of the sale of 66 F-16 C/D aircraft that Taiwan needs in order to modernize its air force.

Successive reports issued by U.S. and Taiwanese defense authorities clearly outline the direct threat faced by Taiwan as a result of China's unprecedented military buildup. Beijing presently has more than 1,400 missiles aimed at Taiwan, and China is in the process of deploying next generation Chinese and Russian manufactured ships, fighter aircraft, and submarines. Military experts in both Taiwan and the United States have raised concerns that Taiwan is losing the qualitative advantage in defensive arms that has long served as its primary military deterrent against China.

Taiwan desperately needs new tactical fighter aircraft. Within the next decade Taiwan will retire 70% of its fighter force structure. Its F-5s have reached the end of their utility, its Mirage fighters lack parts and life-cycle support, and its Indigenous Defense Fighters are being converted to a trainer role. Additionally, Taiwan's existing 145 F-16 A/B fighters all require a mid-life upgrade. With F-16s already in its inventory, Taiwan is seeking to combine its fighter fleet around a single airframe with the commensurate cost and operational benefits.

We are deeply concerned that further delay of the decision to sell F-16s to Taiwan could result in closure of the F-16 production line, and urge you to expedite this defense export process before the line closes. Without new fighter aircraft and upgrades to its existing fleet of F-16s, Taiwan will be dangerously exposed to Chinese military threats, aggression and provocation, which pose significant national security implications for the United States.

The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) of 1979 directs both the Congress and the President to make decisions on arms sales to Taiwan based solely on the "judgment of the needs of Taiwan," and we believe that Taiwanese pilots, flying Taiwanese fighter aircraft manufactured in the United States, represent the best first line of defense for our democratic ally, while presenting no offensive threat to China.

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We urge you to act swiftly and provide Taiwan with the F-16 C/D aircraft that are critical to meeting our obligations pursuant to the TRA and to preserving peace and security in the Taiwan Strait.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator

JAMES INHOFE
United States Senator

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From: Sean King
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Dear Ken and Peter,

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From: Douglas Curella [<mailto:djcurella@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Fwd: Taiwan

Tony:

Great talking with you today. I have forwarded you an email from Sean King, of Senator Al D'Amato's firm in New York. I think this would be a great connection for Ron. Sean can fill you on the details of Taiwan, and their client. His contact information is below.

Have a great week, and let me know if you need anything else.

Doug Curella

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